

Encounters with further education establishments.



Gatsby Benchmark 7

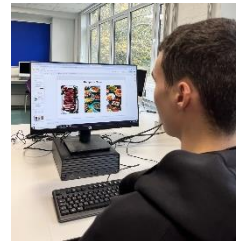
We have established excellent links with Merist Wood, Guildford College, Woodlands Centre and Brooklands college, who are all local colleges that offer Post 16 and Post 19 courses in the Surrey area.

We attend the Surrey Choices and Decisions Day with all our Y13 students, where they choose a variety of activities to enjoy with other students, across Surrey, from other SEND establishments. This gives the students the opportunity to do new things in a new environment with new people. All part of our 5 Years to Departure Plan, giving students a gentle experience of change.



We have joined a Link Programme with Brooklands College in Weybridge. This is a fantastic opportunity for those students considering moving on to further education. It is a 27-week programme, one morning a week. Each three weeks they will have a different set of taster lessons. The students have enjoyed a wide variety of subjects. These have included Engineering, Hair and Beauty, Digital Studies, Media, Care, Catering, Sport, Art, and Business Studies.

This is an excellent experience for students nearing leaving age, whether they choose Brooklands or another Further Education College. It introduces students to new subjects and they interact with new students in these sessions. They also learn to navigate a far bigger campus and how to make lunch choices in a college canteen.



It makes students more aware of the offers there are for their future and can help with their next transition. Following this course some of the students choose to take up a course at Brooklands and others choose other similar Further Education placements in Surrey.